

# **Annapolis Environmental Commission**

## **Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 7:30pm**

### **145 Gorman Street, Room 3**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

Suzanne Pogell, **Chair**  
Ted Weber

Ginger DeLuca, **Co-Chair**

Chris Kamenoff, **Co-Chair**

#### **Members Absent:**

Dan Haas

Rachel Rachfal

Marie Rinaldi

#### **Staff Present:**

Rob Savidge

Tami Hook, Recorder

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Chair Pogell called the meeting to order at 7:38pm in Conference Room 3 at 145 Gorman Street.

#### **January 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. DeLuca moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Kamenoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

## **BUSINESS**

#### **Eastport Watershed Alliance (Street End Park Storm Water Runoff Mitigation)**

Ms. Pogell reminded members of the Eastport Watershed Alliance meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Boatyard Bar and Grill. This will be an informational meeting regarding the street end park stormwater mitigation project also known as Eastport Watershed Alliance. The stakeholder groups that will be in attendance are those interested in participating in the outreach and in on the project. She indicated that Mr. Wilkins intends to discuss the need and the value of the groups working together from a grants and environmental perspective. The next step will be an assessment study to determine the highest priorities.

#### **Action Items: Subcommittee Report**

##### **Eco-Center**

Ms. Pogell believes that the AEC has had an impact based on feedback. It was noted at the HPC meeting that the Market House will not have folding doors and that the HPC would like the AEC to participate in the greening of the Market House project. An RFP for bidders is being prepared and will reflect the City's interest. She referred members to the Mayor video discussion on the Market House.

##### **Recycling Education Campaign**

Ms. Kamenoff and Ms. Rinaldi met Ms. Broadbent regarding the recycling education campaign. A summary of the February 2, 2011 meeting notes were provided for review. DNEP will have a household mailing in the Spring once the changes are made. Ms. Broadbent will create a focus group and plan to meet with the HOA's. She would like the AEC to be involved in these meetings. Ms. Kamenoff asked members to send her a list of any businesses that will accept recycling materials for compilation.

Ms. Broadbent asked the AEC to assist with recruiting businesses for the Stewardship Program. Ms. DeLuca reported that Interfaith Earth Day is May 1, 2011. Mr. Savidge will check with Ms. Broadbent regarding additional recycling bins for Truxtun Park. Ms. Pogell noted that the Spa Creek Conservancy and Eco Committee at Eastport Civic Association Group have agreed to assist with the rain barrels demonstration on March 26, 2011 event. Mr. Weber agreed to prepare a maintenance brochure to share at the event and Ms. Pogell will get a copy of the rain barrel diagram pamphlet from Mr. Barry.

### **Stormwater**

There was no report on this subcommittee.

### **Grant Writing**

Ms. Butler will attend the Eastport Watershed Alliance meeting to network with others grant writers. There was a discussion regarding a grant for pet waste stations and majority of the members believed that this was a worthy pursuit. Mr. Savidge agreed to check into the grant information for pet waste stations and report back.

### **AEC Newsletter**

Ms. Kamenoff provided a copy of the newsletter and noted that typically it will include four to five items. She hopes to send it out once a month. She provided statistics on the newsletter stating that 35% of the membership opened the document. She also provided stats on the activity of the webpage. Mr. Savidge will check into whether there were any membership applications submitted to Ms. Raftovich.

### **Windpower Proposal**

Mr. Weber stated that the Windpower Bill has been introduced in the house and Senate for the State. There are hearings and the first one is scheduled for March 3, 2011. The resolution needs to be supplied prior to these dates in order to become legislation. The Mayor will be sending a letter of support along with the resolution.

### **DNEP**

Mr. Savidge provided flyers on the bin sale for members to distribute. He asked for volunteers to assist with the sale and all members present agreed to attend. The two demonstration areas are in Recreation Center and City Hall. Mr. van Zutphen has organized Arbor Day for April 6, 2011 at St. Mary's Church and the time will be determined. Mr. van Zutphen will host an Arbor Day seminar on April 2, 2011 to target HOA and Management Companies. Mr. Savidge reported that the Boards and Commission Workshop is scheduled for February 24, 2011 at 5:30pm and encouraged members to attend if their schedule permits. There are still ten rain barrels available for giveaway. Mr. Savidge agreed to contact Habitat for Humanity regarding delivering the rain barrels and indicated that Habitat would also be interested in participating in the rain barrel demonstration. He agreed to report at the next meeting regarding the date of the barrel delivery. Ms. Kamenoff will contact Tru Value regarding the barrel attachments.

Ms. Pogell noted that the Spa Creek Conservancy and the Eco Committee of the Eastport Civic Association have agreed to assist with the rain barrel demonstrations at the March 26, 2011 event. Mr. Weber agreed to prepare a maintenance brochure to share at the event and Ms. Pogell will get a copy of the rain barrel diagram pamphlet from Mr. Barry.

Ms. Pogell briefly discussed Mr. Savidge's email regarding reviewing the agenda of Port Wardens, HPC and PC agenda. The Commission agreed to review the agendas and minutes of the above. Ms. Butler asked that the new Director of Public Works be invited to the June meeting. Ms. Pogell suggested inviting Ms. Lisa Craig. Mr. Weber suggested inviting Vince Leggett to a meeting. Ms. DeLuca agreed to review the meeting minutes and agenda of the HPC; Ms. Butler the Port Wardens; Mr. Weber the Conservancy Board; and Ms. Pogell will review the Maritime Advisory Board and Planning Commission.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Joint Meetings with City Council Environmental Matters Meeting**

There was no Environmental Matters Meeting this month and the next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. The review of the Committee March agenda deferred to the March 16, 2011 meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Greening Neighborhoods**

This will be deferred to a future meeting.

### **Annapolis Neck Development**

This was deferred to the March 16, 2011 meeting.

### **Katherine Property Development**

Mr. Savidge explained that the walkthrough was well attended making it difficult for fact and information gathering. The walkthrough for March 19<sup>th</sup> will be for the AEC and Conservancy Board only. Ms. Butler suggested inviting some of the Aldermen from the Environmental Matters Committee. Mr. Savidge will discuss with Ms. Broadbent. It was the consensus of the Commission that they would like to see the maps and a short history of the site prior to the walkthrough. Mr. Savidge stated that Mr. Smith will be attending the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting so that he can address what role the community can play in this development.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 145 Gorman Street, Third Floor Conference Room. With there being no further business, Ms. Kamenoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote 5-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder